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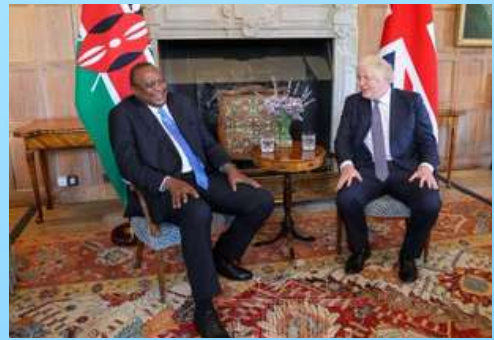


**H.E. President Uhuru
Kenyatta meets the A3+1
UNSC Permanent
Representatives**



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A3+1 UNSC PRs Retreat in Nairobi

President Uhuru Kenyatta met representatives of Africa and the Caribbean on the UN Security Council (UNSC) at State House, Mombasa on July 23, 2021.



Kenya's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York Amb. Martin Kimani, led a delegation comprising his Permanent Representatives colleagues from Niger (Abdou Abarry), Tunisia (Terek Ladeb) and St Vincent and The Grenadines (Inga Rhonda) for a five days' retreat held in Kenya from July 19 – 24, 2021.

The A3 refers to the bloc of the three (3) African members of the UNSC, where Niger, Kenya and Tunisia are its current members, with the A-3 plus 1 incorporating the additional member of the Caribbean region, presently Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations, in New York, also participated at the retreat.

The Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Amb. Macharia Kamau, inaugurated the A3+1 Retreat in Nairobi, as part of Kenya's execution of her peace and security mandate at both the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and at the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC).

During the deliberations, Amb. Kamau welcomed the visiting delegations, noting with appreciation, that the A3+1 arrangement had become a formidable part of the UN Security Council Political workings, in addition to providing a critical platform for the prosecution of Africa's Agenda including that of the Sixth Region (the Caribbean) at the UNSC.



Cabinet Secretary Amb Raychelle Omamo hosted dinner in honour of PRs of the A3+1 Caucus of the UNSC. Present were Dean of the Diplomatic Corp, Deans of various African Regional Economic blocks and Ambassadors from Latin American and Caribbean countries based in Nairobi.

The Principal Secretary informed that the Government of Kenya was delighted to host the retreat in Kenya in order to allow for discussions that would reinvigorate and energize the work of the A3+1 and looked forward to the adoption of a common approach to matters affecting the African continent. This, Amb. Kamau noted, was vital in the development of lasting working method and institutional capabilities that would provide the necessary protection to the legacy of the A3+1.

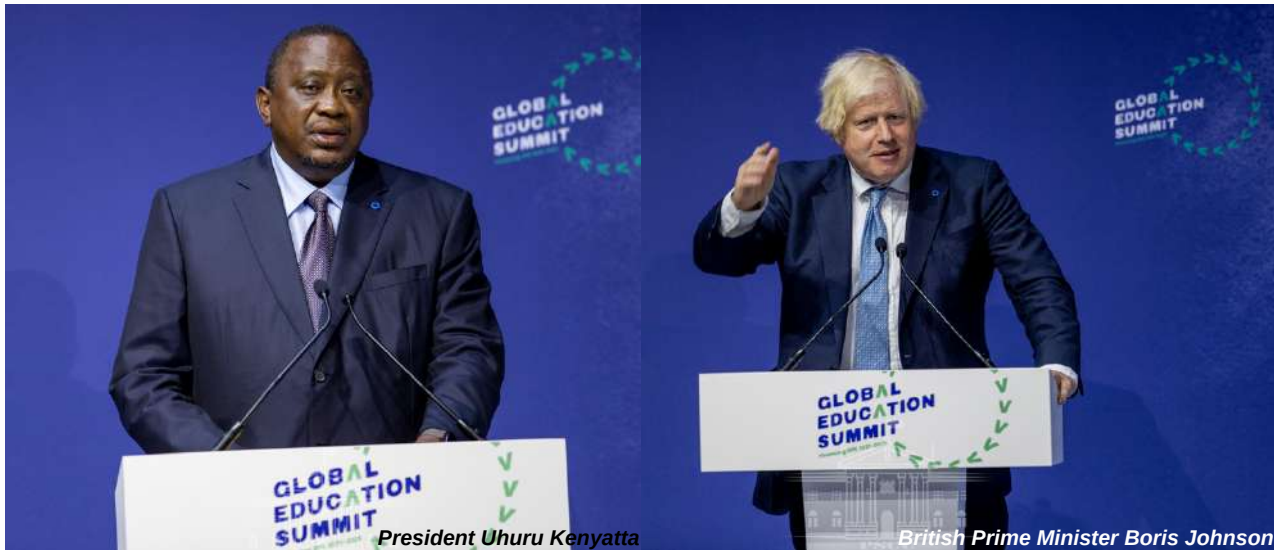
On July 22, 2021 CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo hosted dinner in honour of the Permanent Representatives. Present were Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Deans of various African Regional Economic blocks, Ambassadors from Latin American and Caribbean countries based in Nairobi, PS Amb. Macharia Kamau and Kenya's envoy to Ethiopia and the African Union, Amb. Jean Kamau.

During their tight program, the delegation had an opportunity to visit Nairobi National Park and concluded their visit in Mombasa where they met President Uhuru Kenyatta at State House, Mombasa on July 23, 2021.

The diplomats briefed the President, who is the current Chairperson of the African Union Peace and Security Council, on the progress of their mission, and assured him of their determination to continue to jointly articulate African and Caribbean agenda at the UNSC.

The visiting delegates thanked the Government of Kenya for demonstrating leadership in the hosting of the retreat, noting with appreciation, that Kenya's membership of the UN Security Council had been a positive development to the workings and dynamism of the A3+1 in New York.

The delegates further noted that Kenya's membership to the Council had brought the necessary gravitas that allowed for serious engagements and deliberations on matters Africa at the Council.



Kenya-UK co-host the Global Education Summit in London

President Uhuru Kenyatta made a three-day Official Visit to the United Kingdom at the invitation of the British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to attend the Kenya-UK Global Education Summit scheduled from July 28 to 29, 2021.

President Kenyatta and Prime Minister Johnson co-hosted the 2021 Global Education Summit jointly opened by Kenya's Foreign Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo and her British counterpart Dominic Raab. The summit was attended by Heads of State and Government from around the world who convened to raise funds for the Global Partnership for Education.

The Global Partnership for Education is a shared commitment to end the world's learning crisis, by mobilizing partners and funds to transform education systems in over 90 countries.

The high-level Summit marked the culmination of a 10-month fundraising campaign run jointly by President Kenyatta and British PM aimed at transforming education in the world's most vulnerable countries.



President Uhuru Kenyatta at the business forum hosted by UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab and the Lord Mayor of the City of London William Russell at Mansion House, the Lord Mayor's official residence on July 27, 2021.



President Uhuru Kenyatta met His Royal Highness Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales at Sandringham House on July 28, 2021

During the Summit held at the Evolution Arena in Battersea Park, London, President Kenyatta rallied world leaders to continue investing in education by enacting supporting policies and increasing domestic resource allocation to the sector. He underscored the importance of embracing digital technology and harnessing its full potential in education.

Earlier, the two leaders held bilateral talks at the Chequers, the Prime Minister's official country residence in Buckinghamshire where they discussed several matters of mutual interest between Kenya and UK including regional Peace and Security.

They explored ways of enhancing Kenya-UK relations and new avenues of bilateral cooperation. Kenya and the UK have a long, successful history of working together for the mutual benefit of the citizens of the two nations.

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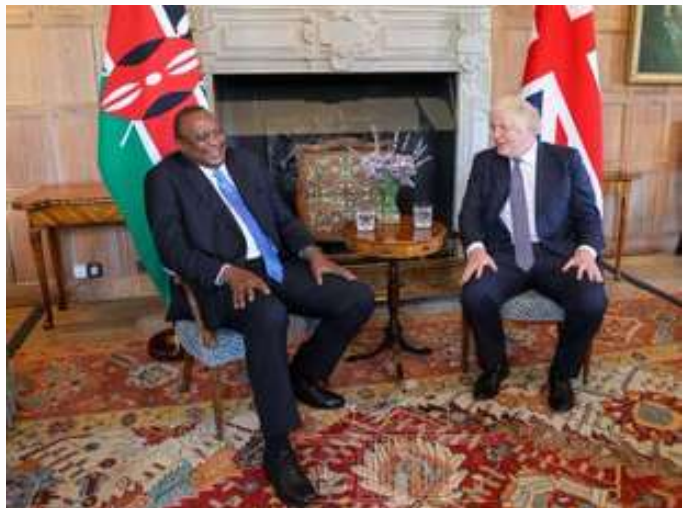
President Uhuru Kenyatta with COP26 President-Designate Alok Sharma witnessed the signing of an agreement that will enable Kenya join the Adaptation Action Coalition (AAC) and the UN Climate Action Summit (UN CAS), at Kew Gardens in London on July 27, 2021.

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They agreed to maximize on the benefits of strategic partnership signed 18 months ago when President Kenyatta visited London in January 2020. The Prime Minister pledged additional Covid-19 vaccines to Kenya in addition to the 400,000 doses announced earlier to support Kenya's fight against the pandemic.

During the visit, two key agreements were signed in an effort of strengthening partnership between the two countries. These include; MOU on Health Workforce collaboration and Launch of the UK-Kenya Health Alliance. The agreement on health workforce collaboration provides a framework for capacity building and exchange of health workers between Kenya and UK, while the health alliance is a collaborative platform for healthcare providers.

On the sidelines of the Global Education Summit, President Uhuru Kenyatta, held bilateral talks with COP26 President-Designate Alok Sharma and discussed the upcoming 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, and the need for European nations to honour their climate action commitments to developing countries especially in Africa. At the meeting, the President witnessed the signing of an agreement that will enable Kenya join the Adaptation Action Coalition (AAC) and the UN Climate Action Summit (UN CAS).



President Uhuru Kenyatta met British Prime Minister Boris Johnson for bilateral talks on July 28, 2021

During a business forum hosted by UK Foreign Secretary and the Lord Mayor of the City of London William Russell at Mansion House, the Lord Mayor's official residence, President Kenyatta invited United Kingdom investors to tap into emerging business opportunities in Kenya, saying the country remains one of the most attractive investment destinations in Africa.

The President showcased 10 investment opportunities worth over USD 5 billion that are immediately available in Kenya under the PPP framework, among them; Nairobi Smart Street Lights Project, Nairobi Bus Rapid Transport System, Intelligent Traffic Management System Project and Galana Kulalu Food Security Project. Others are Lamu Fishing Port Project, Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital Training Complex Project, Mombasa Industrial Park, Meru Cancer Centre Project, Kenyatta National Hospital Project and Lamu Port Project.

President Kenyatta also met His Royal Highness Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales at Sandringham House. Sandringham House is the private home of Queen Elizabeth II in Norfolk, England.

The President was accompanied by Cabinet Secretaries Amb. Raychelle Omamo (Foreign Affairs), Mr. Ukur Yatani (National Treasury), Dr. Monica Juma (Defence), Kenya's High Commissioner to UK Amb. Manohar Esipisu and Deputy Chief of Staff Ms. Ruth Kagia.



CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo joined her Counterpart Dominic Raab in opening the Global Education Summit in London on July 29, 2021.



Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo with , Tanzania's Foreign Minister Amb. Liberata Mulamula during her one-day official visit to the United Republic of Tanzania on July 9, 2021.

Kenya's and Tanzania's Foreign Ministers make follow up meetings to enhance relations

Kenya's Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo made a one-day official visit to Tanzania on July 9, 2021 on invitation of her counterpart Amb. Liberata Mulamula, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Tanzania. The visit was in an effort to continue strengthening and deepening the close and historic bonds of friendship that exist between Kenya and Tanzania.

The visit was a follow-up on the successful State Visit to Kenya by Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania in May 2021.

The two Foreign Ministers held extensive consultations on bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest with a view to consolidate the gains made and explore possible new areas of cooperation. They also agreed to expedite implementation of the agreements signed during the historic State Visit.



Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo with Amb. Liberata Mulamula, Tanzania's Foreign Affairs Minister in Tanzania on July 9, 2021.

On bilateral cooperation, the two leaders commended the harnessing of the Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC), that has been in place since 2009 which include cooperation in areas of trade and investment; agriculture and livestock; defence and security; political and diplomatic consultations; art and culture; climate change and environment; tourism; ICT; education and immigration among others.

They reiterated the shared values, aspirations and continued cooperation across all spheres of mutual interest including political, social-economic, cultural and diplomatic domains.

The Ministers also met women leaders drawn from Kenya and Tanzania during which they lauded the important role women continue to play in the society. They called on the women to embrace the spirit of cooperation, explore opportunities to enhance bilateral trade and investment, advocate for peace and security and promote social - cultural integration in the two countries.



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CS Omamo participated at the UNSC briefing on Libya



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Amb. Omamo lauded Libya for the key milestones achieved in the peace process and encouraged continued national dialogue towards the delivery of the country's upcoming elections.

Speaking during the briefing chaired by His Excellency Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, CS Omamo welcomed the establishment of the High National Reconciliation Commission highlighting the government of Kenya continued commitment to the process with the support of the African Union.

She emphasized the need for full implementation of the ceasefire agreement including the withdrawal of foreign fighters and mercenaries whose continued presence was a threat to peace in Libya and the Sahel region, thus creating a conducive environment for terrorism and violent extremism.

Cabinet Secretary Amb Raychelle Omamo with H.E Jean-Yves Le Drian, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs and President of the Security Council for the month of July at the UN Security Council Chambers in New York. July 17, 2021.



Cabinet Secretary Amb Raychelle Omamo paid a courtesy call on H.E Abdul Hamid Dbeibeh, Prime Minister of Libya in New York on July 17, 2021

The Cabinet Secretary called for the planning and implementation of a Demobilization, Disarmament and Reintegration (DDR) programme in Libya and corresponding programmes in neighbouring states working in close collaboration with UNSMIL and regional organizations.

The Council received a report from Mr. Ján Kubiš, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Libya and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya. The Council was also addressed by His Excellency, Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, Prime Minister of Libya.

On the sidelines, CS Omamo paid a courtesy visit on H.E Abdul Hamid Dbeibeh, Prime Minister of Libya and assured of Kenya's support in achieving a peaceful, secure and stable Libya. The Prime Minister was grateful for Kenya's hand of friendship and support for the peace process including as a Member of the Security Council.

The Cabinet Secretary later on held talks with H.E Jean-Yves Le Drian, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs and President of the Security Council for the month of July at the UNSC Chambers in New York and also paid a courtesy call to H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General United Nations.



Kenyan Foreign Minister hold bilateral talks with the US Secretary of State



Cabinet Secretary, Amb. Raychelle Omamo with US Secretary of State, Hon Antony Blinken at the State Department in Washington DC on July 17, 2021.



Kenya's Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary, Amb. Raychelle Omamo met and held talks with United States Secretary of State, Hon Antony Blinken at the US Department of State, Washington, DC on July 17, 2021.

During the official visit, the two Foreign Ministers discussed bilateral relations between the two countries particularly the holding of the second session of the Bilateral Strategic Dialogue (BSD).

They also exchanged views on access to vaccines and post COVID-19 economic recovery programs. Further, they reviewed regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest to both countries.

The Cabinet Secretary later on visited the Kenyan Embassy in Washington DC where she inspected the ongoing renovations of the Chancery. The tour was conducted by Lazarus Amayo, Kenya's Ambassador to the United States.

High Level UNSC briefing on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict

The Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Amb. Raychelle Omamo participated in the High-Level United Nations Security Council (UNSC) briefing on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict: Preserving Humanitarian Space on July 15, 2021.

The Cabinet Secretary emphasized the need for a new architecture of shared responsibility and shared burden to ensure that humanitarian spaces were preserved for the good of all.

She noted that humanitarian workers were increasingly under the threat of violence and harm as they discharged their duties in many theatres across the world and called for a new global paradigm to ensure that the multilateral system was fit for purpose.

In that regard, the Cabinet Secretary shared five recommendations by the Kenya delegation;

First: The need for compliance with the fundamental humanitarian obligations by all parties to conflict.

Second: Enhanced collaboration of the Security Council with regional organizations such as the African Union.

Third: Development of a new global infrastructure of burden and responsibility sharing in protecting the humanitarian space.

Fourth: A more innovative and ambitious humanitarian community to prevent exploitation of the humanitarian space by terrorist's and more collaboration within the humanitarian community and its network of multilateral, national and civil society institutions.

Fifth: Increased collaboration to build more capable and resilient states.

The Council was chaired by His Excellency Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France and was attended by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Kenya, Mexico and Tunisia as well as representatives from Member States of the Security Council.

The Council received briefings from Ms. Amina Mohamed, Deputy Secretary-General, Mr. Robert Mardini, Director-General of the International Committee of the Red Cross and Mrs. Lucile Grosjean, Delegate Director for Advocacy, Action Against Hunger.



MFA staff members undertake Portuguese language training

24 Ministry of Foreign Affairs officers have successfully completed basic Portuguese language training facilitated jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Portugal through the Embassy of Portugal in Nairobi, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kenya through the Foreign Service Academy.

During the official closing session of the Portuguese Language Instruction Programme held virtually on July 16, 2021, Chief Administrative Secretary Hon. Ababu Namwamba who presided over the ceremony, recognised the efforts put forth by the various teams led by Amb. Oyugi, the Director-Foreign Service Academy and Ms. Luísa Fragoso, the CD'A i.a. at the Portuguese Embassy in Nairobi, given the unprecedented circumstances of the new norm of virtual interactions and e-learning.

"It has taken tremendous ingenuity and adaptation by all to adjust from our traditional forms of engagements in the wake of the disruptive COVID-19 pandemic," CAS Namwamba said.

He emphasized that, the Ministry underpins the importance of equipping officers with the requisite skills for effective diplomatic engagement.

The CAS commended the impressive interest on the language exhibited by Ministry staff, affirmed by the 24 participants this year in addition to the 28 participants who undertook the programme in July 2020.

While emphasizing the importance of Portuguese Language in contemporary spheres of diplomacy and economic development, with existing critical



undercurrents of geopolitics and global dynamism, CAS Namwamba noted that Portuguese is the sixth most natively spoken language in the world, the third-most spoken European language in the world in terms of native speakers, and the most spoken language in the Southern Hemisphere. It is also one of the four official languages of the African Union.

"Not surprisingly therefore, this noble language has continued to gain traction and momentum in usage across the continent and facilitating transactions for a large populace regionally and globally," Hon. Namwamba said.

He added that, "Language is also a tool for cultural expression. It is important then as global citizens that we seize upon this potential and harness it for the good of our respective mutual partnerships and co-existence."

He thus urged the participants to utilise the language skills gained to enhance cultural ties and deepen mutual cooperation and understanding globally.

The Chief Administrative Secretary conveyed Government of the Republic of Kenya's gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Portugal for the continued support and fruitful partnerships in Portuguese Language training that continues to build capacity and competences of staff in UN and AU official languages.

'52'
Number of MFA staff
who have completed
Portuguese language
training.



Kenya and Hellenic Republic hold bilateral talks



PS Amb Macharia Kamau with Ms Vicky Pantazopoulou, the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kenya in the Hellenic Republic on July 8, 2021

Kenya and the Hellenic Republic continue to strengthen diplomatic relations established in 1999 that have resulted in great achievements in various areas of cooperation, including high level visits between the two countries.

In a meeting held on July 8, 2021, between Principal Secretary Amb. Macharia Kamau and Ms. Vicky Pantazopoulou, the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kenya in the Hellenic Republic, cooperation between Kenya and Greece especially on promotion of tourism, trade and invest; agriculture and livestock were the main focus of discussions.

PS Kamau urged Ms Pantazopoulou to persuade the Greek investors to consider Kenya as the natural window into Africa. He informed that, Kenya continues to create a conducive environment for business investors, not only to benefit Kenya but the entire continent. He advised investors to take advantage of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) that seeks to ease free movement of Africa's 1.2 billion population including goods and services across the continent.

The PS reassured the Honorary Consul of continued support to her office as it promotes Kenya's interests abroad.

"As you extend your services and support to Kenya's interests abroad and form a connection between our communities, let me assure you of the Ministry's support on all fronts," Amb. Kamau said.

The PS further reiterated that Kenya is keen on working with the Hellenic Republic to create a conducive environment for businesses to thrive. He emphasized that, The Big 4 Agenda championed by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta focusing on Manufacturing, Affordable Housing, Universal Health and Food Security is a connection for Kenya to engage with its foreign partners and investors.

The Principal Secretary proposed that scheduling of periodic meetings will be a good avenue to bring valuable thoughts and experiences for the potential investors to tap into Kenya's vast areas of opportunities such as energy, natural resources, infrastructure, transport and agriculture.

'1999'
**the year Kenya, Hellenic
Republic relations were
established**



Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan completes his Tenure

H.E Amb. (Dr.) Slaiman Arabiat, The Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has successfully completed his tour of duty in Kenya.

In a farewell ceremony hosted by Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo on July 8, 2021 in honour of the outgoing Ambassador, the CS deemed the occasion as an opportunity to reflect on the partnership between Kenya and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan which include sharing opportunities in areas of defence, education, culture, tourism, trade, investment and health between the two countries.



CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo with the outgoing Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan H.E Dr. Slaiman Arabiat on July 8, 2021.

CS Omamo applauded the Ambassador on the Jordan Joint Commission held virtually despite the Covid -19 pandemic. She also acknowledged the initiation of a Special Status Agreement (SSA) between Kenya and Jordan, an instrument that would reflect the special relationship between Kenya and Jordan.

The Cabinet Secretary reiterated Government of Kenya's commitment in continuing with the cordial relations so as to address the inhibitors of trade expansion and investment in the two countries.

CS Omamo congratulated the outgoing Ambassador on the successful completion of his tour of duty, wished him the best and expressed her enthusiasm in receiving his successor.

CAS Namwamba participate at the Non Aligned Movement Conference

Foreign Affairs Chief Administrative Secretary Hon. Ababu Namwamba participated and addressed the Non Aligned Movement (NAM) Mid-Term Ministerial Conference convened under the theme of "Non-Aligned Movement at the Center of Multilateral Efforts in Responding to Global Challenges," held virtually on July 14, 2021.

In his Country statement, the CAS noted that the Non-Aligned Movement, which unites the majority of UN member states, plays an important role at the international arena in building a more just, secure and sustainable world.

CAS Namwamba stressed that the Non-Aligned Movement has the necessary potential to develop joint measures in response to the global challenges of the modern era, which include, pandemics, underdevelopment, climate and environmental degradation, threats to cyber space including the continuing digital divide, countering violent extremism, threats from the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, among others.



He urged NAM to look upon innovative and inclusive multilateral engagements to help tackle the global security landscape which is comparatively tougher with emerging non-traditional threats to international peace, security and stability.

During the event, a Political Declaration of the Non- Aligned Movement Member States was adopted – "Non-Aligned Movement at the Center of Multilateral Efforts in Responding to Global Challenges."

The meeting reiterated its strong commitment to the purpose, principles and provisions of the charter of the United Nations by promoting the faithful observance of the principles of International law concerning friendly relations and cooperation among states.

They reaffirmed shared commitment to maintain and promote international and regional peace, security and stability and expressed serious concern over the rapid spread of Covid-19 which continue to pose a major challenge to humanity, specifying that, it requires a global response based on unity, solidarity and renewed multilateral cooperation.



Kenya reinforces the Silencing of the Guns in Africa Campaign through the AMISOM TCCs consultations



The African Union Mission to Somalia's (AMISOM) Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) held a consultative meeting in Nairobi to discuss AMISOM's Engagement in and with Somalia Post-2021.

The African Union Mission to Somalia's (AMISOM) Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) held an informal consultative meeting, in Nairobi, to discuss AMISOM's Engagement in and with Somalia Post-2021. The meeting held from July 10 to 11, 2021 brought in technical experts from Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda.

The Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Amb. Macharia Kamau, who was the convener of the informal consultative meeting, welcomed and commended the continuous engagements of the AMISOM troop contributing countries in the Somalia Peace Process, highlighting the Mission's pivotal role in advancing the peace process and the stabilization of Somalia.

Amb. Kamau further paid tribute to the efforts and endeavour of AMISOM whose deployment he termed as not just essential to the pursuit of the region's peace and security, but was also consistent with continental campaign of "Silencing the Guns in Africa by 2020", a campaign that was aimed at achieving a peaceful and conflict-free Africa.

The Principal Secretary invited the gathered participants to critically interrogate and deliberate on the African Union's Independent Assessment Report on AMISOM's Engagement in and with Somalia – Post-2021 – noting that a consistent and coherent messaging was essential in AU's subsequent engagements with the international community on matters of the Somalia Peace Process.

During the meeting, Technical Experts of the AMISOM TCCs observed that the containment of threats to peace and security in Somalia still existed. In particular, the technical experts regretted that Somalia had become a threat to international peace and security due to chronic instability in that country, a situation that had been worsened and nourished by the existence of terroristic elements in Somalia.

Likewise, the experts singled out the Al Shaabab terror group as a major challenge to Somalia, to the region and to the broader international community.

The Experts said it is imperative for international efforts to be deployed, as envisaged in the United Nations Charter, to effectively contain this threat to international peace and security.

In this respect, the Technical Experts recognized and paid tribute to AMISOM troops for their courage, valor and professionalism in reducing the threat caused by the Al Shaabab – and other armed groups – which had in turn contributed to the stability of Somalia and the functioning of its government. Similarly, they paid homage to the AMISOM troops who had paid the ultimate price in securing peace and stability in Somalia.

The Technical Experts welcomed the African Union's Independent Assessment report on AMISOM's Engagement with Somalia Post-2021 and noted the options that it had generated in regards to AMISOM's engagements in Somalia, Post 2021. While noting the limitations of some of the recommendations, the AMISOM TCCs' Technical Experts nonetheless welcomed the proposal to transition AMISOM into an AU-UN Multidimensional Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AU-UNMIS), where AMISOM would fully transition into a multidimensional stabilization mission in Somalia deployed under Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

In addressing the challenges of the coordination between the AU and the broader international community, the Technical Experts further called for consultations to be undertaken jointly by the African Union, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the United Nations (UN), the Troop and Police Contributing Countries (TPCs), the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and the Federal Member States (FMS) before the end of the current AMISOM mandate on December 31st, 2021.

The Technical Experts of the AMISOM TCCs agreed to adopt a common position and approach in the discussions at the African Union, on the African Union's Independent Assessment Report on AMISOM's Engagement in and with Somalia – Post-2021.



Courtesy Calls

The month of July was a busy month at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, several Ambassadors and High Commissioners paid courtesy calls to the Cabinet Secretary, Amb. Raychelle Omamo. During the meetings, the Cabinet Secretary discussed areas of cooperation with the respective representatives. Some of the meetings include;

H.E Ms. Sasirit Tanguirat Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand paid a courtesy call on the Cabinet Secretary, Amb. Raychelle Omamo on July 6, 2021. The CS applauded the warm fraternal relations that exist between the two countries, which have continued to grow over the years bound by common values and interests. They agreed to continue working closely to enhance economic ties through disseminating information on trade opportunities, more partnerships, exchanges, and marketing. They held fruitful discussions of mutual interests to both countries..



On July 15, 2021, the Australian High Commissioner to Kenya, H.E. Luke Williams, paid a courtesy call on CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo. The CS appreciated the close bonds of friendship and the spirit of cooperation between Kenya and Australia underpinned by shared values and aspirations, particularly in the political, social-economic and cultural spheres. They discussed views on enhancing economic ties through disseminating information on trade and investment opportunities, promoting more partnerships and people to people exchanges. They exchanged views on Bilateral and Multilateral issues of mutual interest and underscored the need to enhance trade and investment opportunities.



On July 22, 2021, H.E Ms. Kampampa Joyce Kasosa, the High Commissioner of Zambia to Kenya made a courtesy call on CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo. The CS thanked Zambia for its support during Kenya candidature for membership to the UN Security Council. They further discussed the outstanding 10th session of the Joint Commission for Cooperation (JPCC) and pending MOUs. CS Omamo wished H.E MS Kampampa Joyce Kasosa well in her tour of duty.



CS Omamo also held talks with Ms. Evelynene Habonimana, the Ambassador of Burundi to Kenya on the July 22, 2021. They held talks on bilateral and trade cooperation between the two countries. They further discussed the progress of agreements reached during the state visit of Burundi's President Evariste Ndayishimiye.



H.E Dr. Hassan Wassa, the High Commissioner of Uganda to Kenya made a courtesy call on CS Omamo on the July 22, 2021. During the bilateral talks trade and economic relation were discussed. on multilateral they discussed regional peace, security and cooperation.



CS Amb Raychelle Omamo also met with H.E Jeronimo Chivav, High Commissioner of Mozambique to Kenya on the July 23, 2021. The High Commissioner made his maiden courtesy call. They discussed ways in which Kenya and Mozambique can work together to further strengthen bilateral and trade relations.



H.E Giovanna Valverde Stark, the Ambassador of Costa Rica to Kenya, paid a courtesy call to Amb. Raychelle Omamo, on July 23, 2021. The CS congratulated the Ambassador on her recent presentation of credentials to H.E the President and noted that the embassy of Costa Rica in Nairobi is the only one in the African continent. This further indicates the strength of relations between Kenya and Costa Rica. They discussed areas of bilateral cooperation between the two countries such as health, environment and gender issues. The Ambassador informed that during her tour she will prioritise bilateral cooperation activities in sustainable development and South-South cooperation.





Mental Health in a Covid-19 World

Mental health complications have become rampant even as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to gain roots across the globe. The virus has affected the physical, social and psychological wellbeing of people. Human beings all over the world are adjusting their livelihood to fit the new norm brought about by this global plague.

Since March 2020, when the first coronavirus case was reported in Kenya, life has drastically changed, with the pandemic hitting families, institutions and governments. The effects have been visible, with some individuals suffering losses from businesses, jobs, and other sources of income. The outcome has been debts, burden and changes in living standards.

The Covid-19 virus that affects the respiratory system, causing difficulties in breathing has so far infected close to 189 million people and resulted in over 4 million deaths globally. This is despite the emergence of the vaccines, which has currently seen over 3.4 billion vaccinated, a 25% representation of the global human population. In Kenya, as of 5 July 2021, 1.4 million doses of vaccines have been administered; A hope that we shall defeat the virus.

Nevertheless, Statistics available show that over 3,000 people in Kenya have lost lives, with 50,000 more recovering in different isolation facilities. With these statistics, it is evident that the virus has hit every part of the country. People have lost loved ones, colleagues, and friends. Others have lost jobs and sources of their livelihood. Thus, the increase in cases of stress, depression, and other psychological problems.

According to World Health Organization (WHO), most public mental health issues are anxiety, trauma, depression, substance abuse, and increased suicidal cases. Others include marital problems that lead to the separation of families. Such effects have seen many people prone to the virus, due to negligence and inability to maintain the health protocols put in place by the Ministry of Health.

"Life is the living, it is said." It is therefore important that we take responsibility by adhering to the Ministry of Health protocols on Covid-19. Let us continue washing our hands with soap, sanitize, keep social distance and avoid congested areas.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has ensured safety of staff at the Ministry headquarters and at the Upper hill offices.

By Thomas Theuri

COVID-19: The Workplace Revolution

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, it appeared like a mirage – something that was far off and removed from our reality then – but it finally landed in Kenya. Overnight, offices and workstations closed, movements restricted, curfews imposed, and lockdowns initiated in a bid to stop the rampant spread of the Coronavirus disease. The current crisis is a revolutionary one for the human resources practices.

Here are some of the ways the pandemic has changed the workplace.

INCREASED FLEXIBILITY - The coronavirus dramatically changed the way we live and work. It affected virtually every element of life. People have quickly figured out how to work from home, this has changed working hours and deliverables.

The notion that people cannot work with minimal to no supervision has been proved wrong. Although it was rough at the beginning, while others enjoyed the 30-second commute to work, lounging in pajamas while getting the job done. This new norm has made many companies to rethink the office cost factor versus remote staff.

ONLINE INTERACTIONS - To curb the spread of COVID-19 many conferences, trainings and meetings were canceled or reverted to digital platforms. For instance, the Foreign Service academy was able to induct 137 cadets via Mkutano platform among other notable conferences and meetings within the ministry.

This has pushed many to become digital savvy because of new workforce demands. On the other hand, office administration has evolved to ensure all staff members are either equipped or facilitated adequately to deliver on their work.

WORKSPACE REVOLUTION - As the crisis became a global concern, Human Resource took up the responsibility of their staff's health by providing enough masks, daily temperature checks, ensuring that social distancing is adhered to, facilitating frequent Covid-19 testing and where possible provide access to vaccination.

For those who work remotely or on shifts the need to access reliable internet has become a necessity for many households, having a zoom spot ready and a functioning workstation or office to ensure productivity.

It is evident therefore, as society evolves to accommodate the new normal so has the workplace. It has revolutionized the 8am - 5pm working hours for all Ministries, organizations and their employees.

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IN BRIEF

CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo paid a courtesy visit to Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General United Nations on the occasion of her visit to New York to attend the United Nations Security Council High-Level briefing on the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) on July 17, 2021.



Foreign Affairs CS Amb Raychelle Omamo together with Treasury CS Amb Ukur Yattani held talks with the Foreign Affairs Minister of the Republic of Ireland Simon Coveney in Mombasa on July 23, 2021.

During the meeting the Agreement on the Avoidance of Double Taxation was signed. The agreement will reduce the tax burdens of foreign investors and provide legal security to investors.



The Cabinet Secretary Amb. Raychelle Omamo visited the Kenyan Embassy in Washington DC where she inspected the ongoing renovations of the Chancery.

The tour was conducted by Amb. Lazarus Amayo, Kenya's Ambassador to the United States.



Ms. Dimache Sharon, Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) paid a courtesy call on Cabinet Secretary, Amb. Raychelle Omamo on July 22, 2021.

They exchanged views on the current trends in international migration and on strengthening cooperation.

The CS commended the IOM Kenya office for its stellar performance in spearheading refugee resettlement in Sub-Saharan Africa since the establishment of the Nairobi Office close to three decades ago.





IN BRIEF

CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba attended the Inaugural Africa Tourism Recovery Summit that brought together Africa Tourism Ministers to discuss future collaboration, partnerships and knowledge sharing in an effort to revitalise regional tourism sector.

Tourism Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala opened the forum on July 16, 2021



CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba Joined the High Commission of India in Kenya and Kenya Navy at a reception for Indian naval warship, INS Talwar in Mombasa on July 28, 2021.

This is part of the Cutlass Express 2021 multilateral exercises bringing together navies of 12 countries, including USA, India, Japan and Kenya.

CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba with his Ministry of Health counterpart Dr. Mercy Mwangangi received 410,000 AstraZeneca vaccines, at JKIA on July 31, 2021.

This is the first of 817,000 committed by the United Kingdom.



CAS Hon. Ababu Namwamba presided inauguration of Pakistan-Kenya Friendship Day, with Pakistan High Commissioner Saqlain Syedah on July 31, 2021.

It marks Pakistan's first diplomatic footprint in Kenya 69 years ago and coincides with UN International Friendship Day seeking to foster harmony amongst peoples of the world.



IN BRIEF



PS Amb. Macharia Kamau with A3+1 Permanent Representative to the United Nations (Kenya, Niger, Tunisia and St Vincent and The Grenadines) who were in Kenya for a five days retreat held from July 19- 24, 2021

PS Amb. Macharia Kamau held bilateral talks with Amb Mohamoud Ahamed Nur, Somalia Ambassador to Kenya on July 15, 2021.

They explored new areas of cooperation in the field of culture, trade, ICT, Peace and Security. The two looked forward to deepening relations.



National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) team led by Chairman Peter Muchiri and Executive Director Harun Hassan paid a courtesy call on Amb. Macharia Kamau on July 13, 2021.

Discussions focused on potential areas of collaboration and shared ideas on pushing the disability agenda in the country.

Foreign Affairs PS Amb. Macharia Kamau has hailed Barbados in its resolve to open an Embassy in Nairobi saying the opening will further strengthen the relations between the two countries.

PS said this on July 14, 2021, when he hosted Ms. Donna Forde, Deputy PS, Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados who was in Kenya for preparatory process in readiness for the opening of the Embassy. PS Kamau and Ms Forde also reviewed progress of MOU signed during the high level visits.



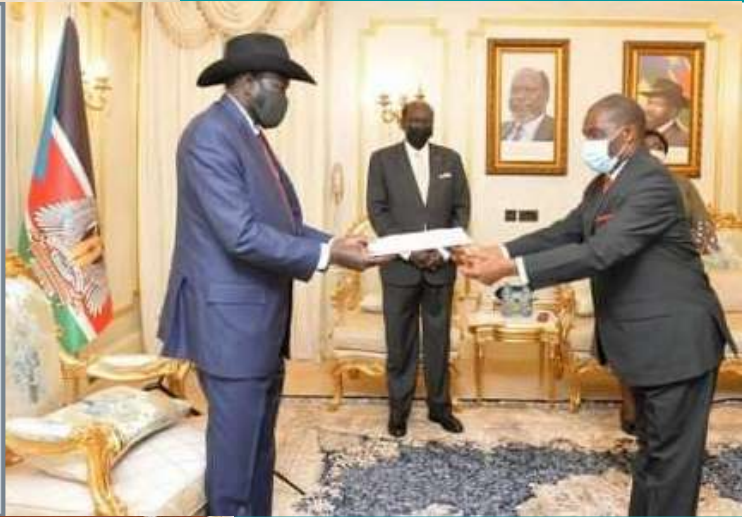


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H.E. Abdalla Hamdok, Prime Minister of the Republic of Sudan in July 2021 received credentials from Kenya's Ambassador to Sudan H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen (Rtd) Ngewa Mukala Ngoloi.

H.E. Salva Kiir, President of the Republic of South Sudan In July 2021 receives credentials from Kenya's Ambassador to South Sudan H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Samuel Nadwa Wesonga.



Amb. Tabu Irina, Kenya's Ambassador to Tokyo, Japan, received Amb (Dr.) Amina Mohamed, CS for Sports, Culture and Heritage during her visit for the Tokyo2020 Olympics on July 30, 2021.

Amb. Martin Kimani, Kenya's Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, delivers his opening remarks after being elected Chair of the 7th Biennial Meeting of States to consider the implementation of the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons on July 26, 2021.





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